

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful review of the independent and dependent claims in the outstanding Office Action. All claims (1-34) have been allowed and the Examiner has found the application to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters (i.e. amendment of the Abstract). The Examiner has found that prosecution on the merits is closed pursuant to *Ex parte Quayle*.

Abstract

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract because it is longer than 150 words. Applicant has amended the Abstract to less than 150 words.

Federally Sponsored Research

Applicant has amended the specification to include the federal sponsorship of the research underlying this application. This is not an amendment on the merits, and no new matter has been added.

Prior Art

Applicant notes that no prior art was disclosed during the prosecution of this application. Although the Examiner has closed prosecution on the merits and the Applicant agrees with the Examiner's reasoning for the allowance of the claims, Applicant submits that the Examiner has discretion to consider a good faith attempt by the Applicant to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and requests that the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith be considered and accepted by the Examiner.

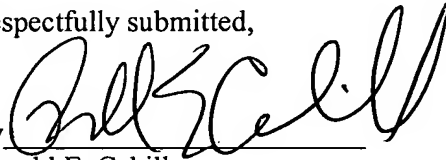
CONCLUSION

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 141449 referencing docket no. 102282-0015.

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